

Mr. Kissinger/General Haig (tape) (General Haig extremely difficult to hear)
December 9, 1970 8:50 p.m.
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H: Yes sir.

K: I just had a call from our friend. First, he wants to know by noon tomorrow whether the Coast Guard is going to be court marshalled because if they are going to be court marshalled he can avoid all questions.

H: No they're not.

K: Why not?

H: I understand that they have decided that there was no criminal culpability involved.

K: Well, what are they going to do - reprimand them?

H: Yes. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ They'll use administrative _____
you

K: Well ~~XX~~ better get a written report from Volpe by 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Can you get that?

H: (Can't hear)

K: Two, he wants a massive bombing campaign in Cambodia. He doesn't want to hear anything. It's an order, it's to be done. Anything that flies on anything that moves. You got that?

H: (Couldn't hear but sounded like Haig laughing.)

to find out, he wants

K: Thirdly, now hold on to your hat. He wants/an inventory of every prop plane that's suitable for operations out there. He wants a report on it by Saturday morning, for possible movement out there.

H: ~~(Can't hear)~~ For close air support.

K: Yes. That's actually not a bad idea. Fourthly, he's now gung ho on the operation. Have you got Moorer yet?

H: Yes, I talked with him.

K: Is he happier?

H: Much. I didn't go too far.

K: No, but did you tell him I talked to the President?

H: Yes, I did. I told him

(completely unintelligible)

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K: Right. Including that great idea of making them all troop supplies.

H: Yes.

K: OK

H: They are quite concerned about it because all the plans they are doing involve the same problem. *(Rest unintelligible)*

K: What, if they can't airlift them with Americans?

H: Unintelligible

K: We will get our brains beaten out.

H: Unintelligible

K: I am not eager to do this operation.

H: I'm not either, because I'm not sure _____.

K: Can we at least get a massive bombing attack into this area?

H: Yes.

K: How about B-52s?

H: I talked to _____.

K: What does he think?

H: He said the real problem is weather

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K: Weather doesn't affect B-52s.

H: Oh no, no.

K: Let him lay some in there. OK?

H: OK.

K: Thank you.

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